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SUBJECT: UN FINANCES: FIFTH COMMITTEE CONCLUDES CONSIDERATION OF  
PROGRAM BUDGET MACHINERY AND BUDGET SECTION 7 (ESCAP)  
AND BEGINS DISCUSSION OF SECTION 8 (ECLA)

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1. SUMMARY: AT 1719TH MEETING OCTOBER 22, FIFTH COMMITTEE APPROVED  
APPROPRIATION OF \$15,744,600 FOR ESCAP AND BEGAN DISCUSSION OF  
APPROPRIATION FOR ECLA. COMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED RESOLUTION ON  
BUDGET MACHINERY CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT A/C5/L1227/REV.2. ON  
OCTOBER 23, FIFTH COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER BUDGET SECTIONS 8 AND  
10 AND DEAL WITH OTHER ITEMS ON AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 22. EMD  
SUMMARY.

2. COMMITTEE HEARD ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS ON ESCAP BUDGET FROM  
SRI LANKA AND UNITED ARAB EMIRATES SUPPORTING OCTOBER 21 PROPOSALS  
OF ALGERIAN AND AFGHANISTAN THAT SYG ESTIMATES BY APPROVED WITHOUT  
ACABQ CUTS. AUSTRALIA (MCCARTHY) THEN ANNOUNCED THAT ALGERIA AND  
AFGHANSITAN HAD AGREED TO COMPROMISE INVOLVING APPROVAL OF  
ACABQ CUTS ON UNDERSTANDING THAT "IN THE EVENT THAT THE RECRUITMENT  
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SITUATION IMPROVES BEYOND PRESENT PROJECTIONS, THE GENERAL

ASSEMBLY AT ITS 31ST SESSION WILL CONSIDER SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL CREDITS FOR ESCAP BASED ON A NEW TURNOVER REDUCTION FACTOR CALCULATED ON THE IMPROVED RECRUITMENT SITUATION." COMMITTEE THEN APPROVED APPROPRIATION OF \$15,744,600 FOR SECTION 7 (ESCAP) BY A VOTE OF 86-0-9 (US AND SOVIET BLOC).

3. THE COMMITTEE THEN APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION THE DRAFT RESOLUTION CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT A/C5/L1227/REV.2 ON AGENDA ITEM 97 (PROGRAM BUDGET MACHINERY). EXPLANATIONS OF VOTES WERE MADE BY FRANCE, US, GREECE, USSR, UK, FRG, PAKISTAN, KENYA, NETHERLANDS AND A FEW OTHERS. ALMOST ALL DELEGATES EMPHASIZED THEIR UNDERSTANDING THAT PARAGRAPH 9 OF THE RESOLUTION IMPLIED NO CRITICISM OF THE ACABQ. KENYA AND THE NETHERLANDS DELEGATES EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE 5TH COMMITTEE WAS NOT MORE RECEPTIVE TO WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS. NETHERLANDS DELEGATE CALLING THE RESOLUTION "MINIMALISTIC."

4. THE CHAIRMAN THEN INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION HAD WRITTEN LETTER TO THE SECRETARY ON THE SUBJECT OF HONORARIUM AND HAD SENT A COPY TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE 5TH COMMITTEE WITH THE REQUEST THAT THE LETTER BE CIRCULATED AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE LETTER SHOULD NOT BE CIRCULATED, SINCE THAT WOULD BE A BAD PRECEDENT, BUT THAT THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE VERSION OF THE LETTER WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR PERUSAL BY ALL INTERESTED DELEGATES AT THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE 5TH COMMITTEE.

5. COMMITTEE THEN TOOK UP BUDGET SECTION 8 (ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA). STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY ARGENTINE AND VENEZUELAN REPS URGING FULL APPROPRIATIONS, FOLLOWED BY US (BACHE) STATEMENT PER DEPARTMENT'S A-6500 AND UK AND BELGIAN REPS ALSO URGING ECONOMIES. ACABQ CHAIRMAN MSELLE AND UN CONTROLLER DEBATIN REPLIED TO QUESTIONS, BUT VOTE ON SECTION WAS POSTPONED UNTIL OCTOBER 23.  
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